

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1222

Middletown Lodge, No. 92, International Order of Odd Fellows

20220 Middletown Road

Middletown, Baltimore County

1859

Private

The Middletown Lodge, No. 92, International Order of Odd Fellows was constructed in 1859 in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Although the lodge was chartered on March 1, 1855, the cornerstone was not laid until September 30, 1859. Approximately 2,500 people attended the ceremony, which was conducted by William R. Creery, the Deputy Grand Master of the Odd Fellows for the state of Maryland. Nearly 500 Odd Fellows attended the ceremony, including members from the Mount Vernon Lodge of Pennsylvania and four lodges from Baltimore County: the Prospect Lodge of Phoenix, the Hereford Lodge, the Willet Belt Encampment of Hereford, and the Union Lodge, Knights of Pythias from Beckleysville. In 1941, the meeting hall was sold to the Gunpowder Baptist Church, suggesting an end of its use by the Odd Fellows. The building is currently used as a dwelling.

The two-and-a-half-story masonry building is three-bays wide with a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the lodge has a brick structural system featuring six-course American bond walls and a stretcher bond façade, or east elevation. The first story is dominated by a full-width, three-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof that is supported by Craftsman-style tapered columns atop of brick piers. This porch is not original to the building and was constructed circa 1930. The centered entry consists of a wood paneled single-leaf door beneath a three-light fanlight. The entry is framed by a molded wood surround and a round-arched soldier course of brick. This entrance is flanked by 6/6 windows with square-edged surrounds and sills. These openings are mimicked at the second story by the three 6/6 windows with wood sills and brick jack arch lintels. The upper half story is marked by a semi-circular panel with a soldier surround. Although this appears to be a datestone, no writing or date is visible. The heavy molded wood cornice is boxed with returns. An interior brick chimney with a rebuilt flue rises from the south slope of the roof. Two historic outbuildings support the Odd Fellows Lodge: a 1940s garage and a 1930s commercial building.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1222

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Middletown Lodge, No. 92, International Order of Odd Fellows

other

2. Location

street and number 20220 Middletown Road not for publication

city, town Middletown vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Salvatore Antonio and Beverly Ann Scavone

street and number 20220 Middletown Road telephone Not Available

city, town Freeland state MD zip code 21053-9629

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 5400 folio 745

city, town Towson tax map 6 tax parcel 62 tax ID number 0609075020

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Middletown Lodge, No. 92, International Order of Odd Fellows is located at 20220 Middletown Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Constructed in 1859, the two-and-a-half-story masonry building is three-bays wide with a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the lodge has a brick structural system featuring six-course American bond walls and a stretcher bond façade, or east elevation. The first story is dominated by a full-width, three-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof that is supported by Craftsman-style tapered columns atop of brick piers. This porch is not original to the building and was constructed circa 1930. The centered entry consists of a wood paneled single-leaf door beneath a three-light fanlight. The entry is framed by a molded wood surround and a round-arched soldier course of brick. This entrance is flanked by 6/6 windows with square-edged surrounds and sills. These openings are mimicked at the second story by the three 6/6 windows with wood sills and brick jack arch lintels. The upper half story is marked by a semi-circular panel with a soldier surround. Although this appears to be a datestone, no writing or date is visible. The heavy molded wood cornice is boxed with returns. An interior brick chimney with a rebuilt flue rises from the south slope of the roof.

Two historic outbuildings support the Odd Fellows Lodge: a 1940s garage and a 1930s commercial building. The one-story, one-bay wide garage is constructed of concrete block with a front gable roof. The gable end is clad in beaded vertical board, mimicking the material used for the awning-like door.

The commercial building is known as the Middletown Repair Shop. Constructed of wood frame the building is clad in beaded vertical board. Set on a poured concrete foundation, the repair shop has a side gable roof with corrugated metal cladding. There is an exterior end concrete block chimney on the north elevation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1859 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1859, 1930 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road.² By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, the Odd Fellows Hall, a store and one "shop."³ Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road.⁴ Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20th century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.⁵

¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

² J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ Scharf, p. 870.

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Less than one acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Middletown Lodge, No. 92, International Order of Odd Fellows is located at 20220 Middletown Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 6, Parcel 62 since its construction in 1859.

11. Form Prepared by

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street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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FREELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0633
1415 OAKLAND ROAD
FREELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1364
171 ZION U.M. CHURCH
2901 MT. ZION ROAD
FREELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1198
10660 KEENEY MILL RD.
BA-0519
20701 KEENEY MILL RD.
BA-1196
20600 KEENEY MILL RD.

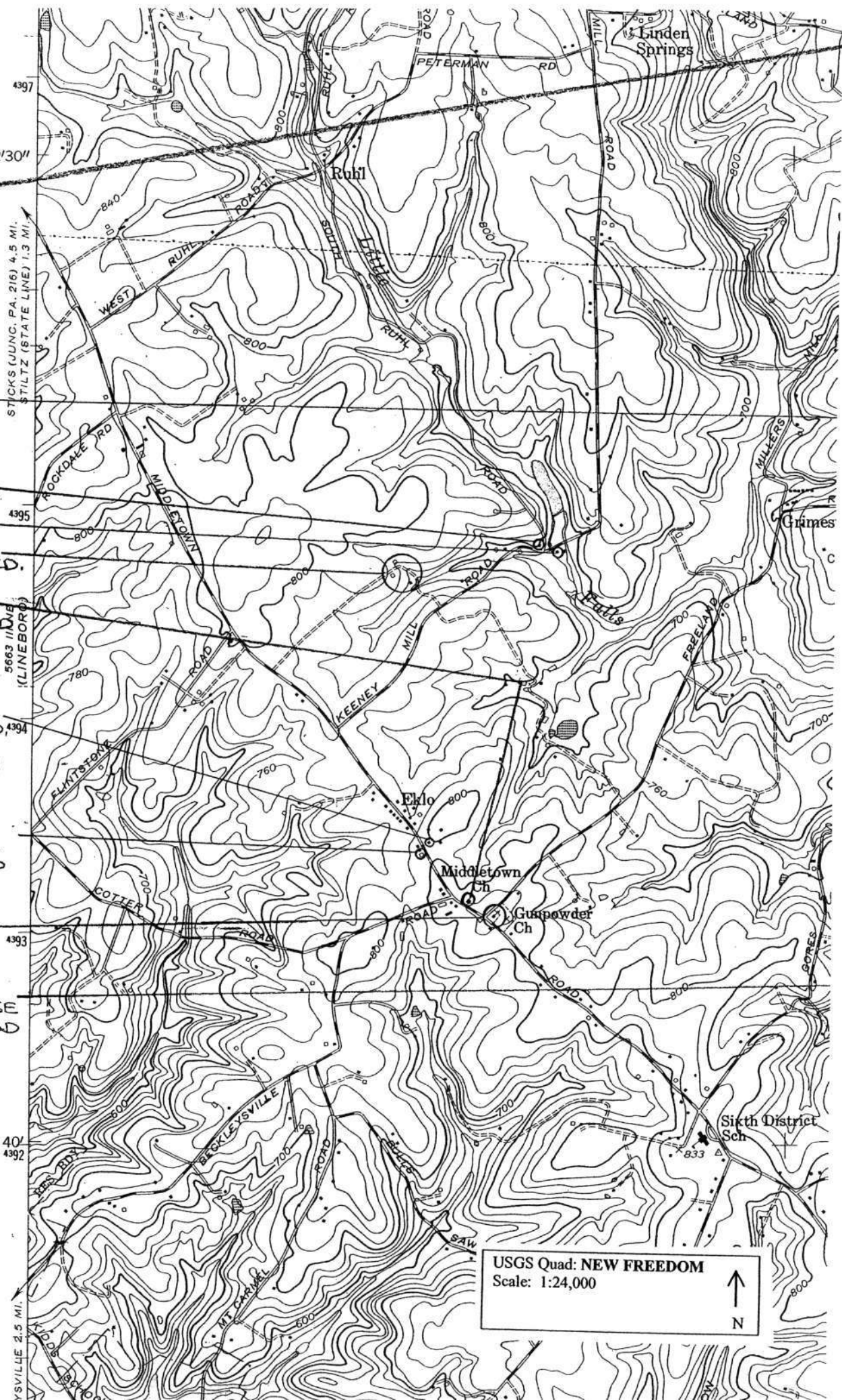
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20109 FREELAND ROAD

BA-1223
20221 MIDDLETOWN RD.
FREELAND
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BA-1222
20220 MIDDLETOWN RD
FREELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0586
10075 FREELAND ROAD
FREELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0402
1111 PAPER MILL HOUSE
2008 VALLEY MILL ROAD
FREELAND
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ODD FELLOWS LODGE - 1870 - SW side of Middletown Road, 0.15 mile NW of Cotter Road, village of Eklo-Middletown. Two-story hall in functional style; gable roof of sheet metal; a tall, rectangular building. Central entrance porch. Date-stone in demi-lune set in gable under eaves. Founded as Middletown Lodge No. 92 in 1855. Building sold in 1941 to Trustees of Gunpowder Baptist Church. Now used as dwelling. Scharf gave dimensions as 28 x 55 feet and dates hall at 1859; some 500 Odd Fellows attended cornerstone ceremonies.
Owner: Salvatore A. Scavone.